

TWO STEAMSHIPS ARE BURNED

BROOKLYN WATERFRONT FIRE IS MOST DISASTROUS ONE IN YEARS

HATFIELD REFUTES ABE LILLY'S CHARGE

Another Steamer and a Number of Smaller Craft Also Partly Burned There. SAID TO BE INCENDIARY

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM) NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The steamships Bolton Castle and Pacific and a nine-hundred foot pier belonging to the New York Dock Company at the foot of Pioneer street, Brooklyn, were destroyed early today by the most disastrous fire on the Brooklyn waterfront in years. Another steamer, the Pallanza, was damaged, about twenty-five scows and lighters were partly or wholly burned and two coolies from the Bolton Castle and Pacific were missing after the fire. The loss is estimated at more than \$1,000,000. The origin of the fire is unknown but suspicions that it was incendiary were aroused because of the fact that some of the steamers were loading with war munitions, some of which was intended for shipment to the Russian government and to be delivered at Vladivostok. A watchman aboard the Bolton Castle discovered that the buildings on the pier were on fire soon after 1 o'clock this morning. The blaze spread so rapidly that the officers and crews of the steamers and lighters lying at the pier, after a vain effort to prevent the spread of the flames to their vessels, were compelled either to leap overboard or to seek safety aboard other lighters or tugs which hastened to the rescue. The Bolton Castle was loading with gasoline for Russia and this fed the blaze. The boilers of both the Bolton Castle and the Pacific blew up when the fire was at its height completing the work of destruction. Several barges loaded with gasoline lying near the steamer were destroyed. Later reports placed the estimated property loss at more than \$3,000,000. A statement issued on behalf of the agents for the owners of the steamships Bolton Castle and Pacific said their investigation "thus far has failed to develop any evidence which lead to the conclusion that the fire was of incendiary origin."

ANOTHER NEW ENTERPRISE FOR THE CITY

Switzer Brothers Install One of the Most Complete Cleaning Plants in State.

It shows the good faith in one's town when a concern like Switzer Brothers spend over \$2,000 in installing one of the most complete and up-to-date cleaning establishments to be found anywhere in this section of the state, if indeed anywhere in the entire state. They have just completed installing new machinery, consisting of washers and extractors, by which it is possible to take out any foreign substances and at the same time leave the fabric absolutely unharmed. In the rear of their store store at 421 North Fifth street in Glen Elk they have erected a splendid brick building and equipped it with everything in the way of modern machinery and up-to-date appliances with which to render their efforts more specific in handling the large amount of work that is constantly growing larger. The main building is about fifteen feet by twenty-five feet in size, and is equipped with a fire extinguisher extending around the building on the inside so that if a fire should by any means start, they can, by simply turning a valve, throw the entire inside of the building into steam, thus smothering any fire possible to exist. The other equipment consists of an upright boiler of about ten horse power and three washers with a capacity for as many as one hundred and fifty suits at one time. The distilling apparatus by which the used gasoline can be filtered and re-used and made perfectly new again is an interesting piece of mechanism. The gasoline is mixed with steam and sent through coils which are in cold water condensing the vapor into water and gasoline, which is finally separated. The gasoline is turned into its own tank and the water carried off in a sewer. The plant is equipped with a complete Bowser system, by which the gasoline is clarified and used over and over again. This reduces the expense when the high cost of gasoline is considered. The gasoline tanks, three in number, are buried beneath the surface of the ground outside the building and away from any possibility of fire. Throughout the entire construction, every precaution has been taken to make everything fire proof and sanitary.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS 'TIS FOLLY TO BE WISE, AND SO!

BLOWN TO ATOMS. (By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, Feb. 16.—William Hulse was blown to atoms, a shed was completely obliterated and an auto truck torn to fragments by an explosion of nitro glycerine near Bena, a suburb today. Hulse was handling the explosive. Great damage to property in the village resulted.

Dollars to Doughnuts Those Who Obect to September Morn Never Saw It. A representative of the Telegram today called on the management of the Robinson Grand in reference to a committee calling on the mayor asking that the production of "September Morn" be interfered with and not be allowed to be shown in Clarksburg. Mr. Robinson was very much surprised that such an action had even been thought of. He said: "If this action on the part of these ladies were not so serious, it would be very funny. Here is an attractive...

NEWS EVENTS OF SHINNSTON

Breezy Letter Tells All about People of the Clay District Capital.

SHINNSTON, Feb. 16.—W. J. Ashcraft, of Wyatt, was a business caller here Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, of Pensacola, are visiting friends and relatives here this week. Miss Juliet Sapp is able to be out again after a few weeks' illness. Miss Emma Villers is in Littleton this week visiting relatives. T. E. Tennant and family have moved to Lore City, O., where Mr. Tennant has purchased a farm. They expect to locate there. C. A. Radford, of rural route No. 2 was a business visitor here Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. V. Richardson, of Lumberport, were visitors at Luther Coffman's last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Johnson have returned from a several weeks' visit with relatives in Pensacola, Fla. The following Shinnston folks attended the lecture given by Helen Keller at Clarksburg last Saturday evening: Mr. N. B. Cox, Mrs. A. B. Harvey, Miss Alta Martin, Miss Josephine Harner, Beulah Harner, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer West, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cunningham, Mrs. U. A. Vincent, Miss Winnie Robbrough, Augustine McDermott, Ruth Cunningham, Mildred Jarrett and Ethel Rutledge. Lyle J. Riley, of Gratton, visited friends here Sunday. Mrs. Dee Hildebrand, of Entersprize, was shopping here Tuesday afternoon. Rawley G. Lucas, of rural route 1, was a business caller in the city Tuesday. Mrs. Clyde A. Cole was in Clarksburg Tuesday afternoon. J. M. Conaway, of the West side, who has been ill for some time, is able to be out again. E. J. Sturm, of Viropa, was here transacting business Tuesday. Mrs. J. H. Hornor, of Lumberport, was a guest of her sisters, Mrs. R. S. Johnson and Miss Willa Lowe, on Tuesday. Howard Barnes, of Clarksburg, was visiting his brother, W. H. Barnes, Sunday. A number of young people attended a banquet Saturday night in the...

TEACHES GRACE BY "NATURAL DANCING"



Miss Helen C. Miller "natural dancing."

There has recently been devised a scientific method of teaching the details of musical action in classic "natural dancing" by the American priestess of the dance, Miss Helen C. Miller. The figure shows a camera silhouette fixing for deliberate study the correct pose of the arms and hands to express admiration of a growing plant in flower. Independent Order of Odd Fellows' hall on Pike street. A delightful supper was served by the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church. Those present were Misses Flora Robinson, Geraldine Rinehart, Bess Hess, Leah Smell, Jessie Hess, Virginia Robinson, Ada Smith, Hallie Leonard, Susan Kennedy, Edna Smell, Josephine Martin, Essie Hess, Ollie Drain, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ferguson, Paul Harner, Frank Ferguson, Howard Harner, Paul Tetrick, Cecil M. Smell, James Finlayson, Carl D. Sommer, George Shumaker, Edgar Harner, Homer Hawker and Dale Swiger. Ray Martin, of Meadowbrook, was in the city Tuesday afternoon looking after business matters. Miss Willa Lowe is in Cleveland this week buying spring millinery for the J. C. Hartley store.

That There is a Combination between Judge Robinson and the Governor.

LILLY CONDEMNS PARTY

Not a Republican Candidate is Lilly as Shown by Platform He is Running On.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 16.—Commenting on a statement made by Attorney General Lilly in connection with his address at Milton last Saturday, published in Democratic newspapers, in which he charged that Judge Robinson's candidacy was being fostered by Governor Hatfield, the following statement has been made by Governor Hatfield, which he declared that between the two candidates who have offered themselves for the Republican nomination for governor, he is unhesitating in his support of Judge Robinson, because he believes him to be excellently qualified for the governorship. The statement of Governor Hatfield is as follows: "There is no combination between Judge Robinson and myself. As a matter of fact, I never solicited Judge Robinson to be a candidate and never promised him my support. The platform upon which Mr. Lilly has gone into the race for governor condemns the present Republican administration, including the legislature, and in doing that condemns the platform of the Republican party adopted in convention in 1912, which was left to me to carry out and which has been done in full faith. The people of the state surely approved of the Republican platform, because they not only elected me governor, but also elected a Republican legislature, and this was further emphasized by the election of a Republican legislature in 1914 in both branches, and made possible a full redemption of the party promises. Party promises in this day and time are made to stand upon and not merely for the purpose of fooling the people, as some seem to think. This being true, Mr. Lilly cannot very consistently be the nominee of the Republican party or its standard bearer in the coming campaign. The Situation. "The situation is this: There are two candidates for the Republican nomination for governor, Judge Robinson and Mr. Lilly. Mr. Lilly has put forth a platform which consists almost entirely of open or covert attacks upon the Republican state administration—acts done by the legislature and by the governor. Can it be expected that I will support him? Can the Republican party expect to win this year in the state by repudiating its own administration? The Democratic newspapers see this and hence they are lined up for Mr. Lilly. "Mr. Lilly is neither honest nor sincere in his effort to disparage Judge Robinson, because I support him. He cannot attack Judge Robinson's character, record or his standing as a public officer or as a citizen; but he seeks by insinuation to convey the impression that Judge Robinson is not 'his own man,' that he is a tool, will wear somebody's collar, and as governor will be subservient to sinister influences. Is there anything in Judge Robinson's career to justify such a slander? "As to the position of the McDowell Times, so far as its friendship and support of Judge Robinson or myself is concerned, that is an honest conclusion arrived at by its owner without the solicitation of any man or clique, so far as I know. I am for Judge Robinson for the nomination for governor because I believe it would be to the best interests of the state and the Republican party, and because I believe he has no connection or obligation that would be embarrassing to him as governor or to prevent his giving fair and just...

LATEST DRAFT

Of Lusitania Agreement Presented Secretary Lansing by Bernstorff.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today presented to Secretary Lansing the latest draft of the Lusitania agreement, embodying the changes suggested by the American government, and also one change suggested by Berlin. The indications were that the agreement in its present form probably would be acceptable to the United States. When Count von Bernstorff came from Mr. Lansing's office after a visit of less than ten minutes he said: "Gentlemen I refer you to the secretary of state." Almost at the same time, Mr. Lansing sent out this message: "I have nothing to say." Count von Bernstorff presented formally the draft of the agreement and it is understood was informed it would not be accepted as final until it had been submitted to President Wilson. The indications were it seemed satisfactory to Secretary Lansing.

AMERICAN CLUB HOME WRECKED

WRECK In Which Thirteen Box Cars Are Smashed Ties Up Traffic on Railroad.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—Thirteen loaded box cars were smashed and traffic was tied up on the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad when an eastbound train early today crashed into a string of freight cars which had "drifted" into a siding at Cornwells on the main tracks. The scene of the accident is near the place where two other serious wrecks occurred within the last few months. Traffic to and from the South and West was diverted around the wreck. DE. SILVER TO SPEAK. The Rev. Dr. Maxwell Silver, of Cincinnati, will lecture at 8 o'clock Friday night in the Masonic temple. "The Passing and the Permanent in the Bible" will be his subject. All the Jews as well as Gentiles are cordially invited to attend.



MISS JO TAYLOR.

Who, as Argentina, does the darling "Shark Dip" dance and other sensational dances in the musical comedy, "September Morn," to be at the Robinson Grand Thursday. tion that has played every city in the United States and has always played in the best theaters and to the very best people. This attraction played Clarksburg last season and if my memory serves me well, it was enjoyed immensely by a representative audience. There wasn't a line, nor a suggestion, in the performance that offended the most critical and as for stopping the performance or interfering with its production here, they might as well attempt to stop any musical show that comes our way. It is hard enough to get attractions this season and give the public entertainment without trying to interfere with other persons' innocent amusement. and freight trains will be operated at a lower rate of speed than formerly. The passenger trains that have been operated between Charleston and Gassaway at an average speed of twenty-eight miles an hour will not make more than twenty miles an hour in the immediate future, and freight trains will be operated at a speed ranging from ten to fifteen miles an hour, it is said.

Standing Room Only When Dr. Morrison Preaches Last Sermon

Great Multitude Present to Hear the Noted Speaker's Closing Sermon.

ORDERS Are Made in Several Cases of Litigation Pending in the Circuit Court Here.

One of the greatest meetings in the history of Clarksburg, and at least 2,000 people present marked the closing sermon of Dr. Morrison's revival ministry in this city. The big First Methodist Episcopal church building was taxed to capacity and standing room was at a premium. The subject text, "The Second Coming of Christ" was handled in a most masterly manner and showed a wonderful knowledge of the Holy Scripture and of history. The sermon was so powerful in its gripping interest with the throng of people that the church was a place of silence like unto a tomb save for the words which fell from the speaker's lips and an occasional "Amen." The music was exceptionally good and brought out the excellent directing ability of Prof. Hiatt. The meeting will go straight on for an indeterminate period, the able and greatly beloved pastor, Dr. King, who is considered a powerful pulpit orator and great revivalist will conduct the services. At the close of the services last night Dr. Morrison was presented with some costly and very useful tokens of appreciation. A flashlight photograph was taken of the scene. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—Investigation is being made today by city authorities, officials of the Earn Steamship Company and the British consulate to determine whether the fire, which damaged the sugar cargo of the British steamship Dalton at Philadelphia Wharf. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—In the cause of Guy Sidenstricker against Ella Sidenstricker an amended bill was filed and the cause was referred to a master commissioner. The general recaver of the court was directed to pay Morley V. Lawson certain funds to his credit in the chancery cause of J. C. Lawson against Rachael M. Marple and others. A new trial was awarded in the case of Sheridan R. Griffin against Ira C. Taber.

FATAL FIRE

To One Person in Midland, Mich., and Another is Said to Be Missing Now.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) MIDLAND, Mich., Feb. 16.—One person was burned to death, and other is said to be missing and damage estimated at \$150,000 was caused by a fire which destroyed a block of Midland's business district early today. Miss Della Taylor, a milliner, escaped from her rooming place but later attempted to save some of her belongings and perished. It is rumored that a man who rushed into the building and tried to rescue her also lost his life. A postoffice, a general store and jewelry and shoe store were among the buildings that were burned.

TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Charles S. Wayne went to Parkersburg Wednesday to attend the funeral of S. T. Martin, his father-in-law, who died at his home there Sunday night after a long illness. The funeral services were scheduled to be held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

CROWDED HOUSE HEARS LECTURER

Who Travels with Her Audience through China and Delights Them with Scenes.

Mrs. Daniel Shephardson lectured last night to a crowded house on "China and the Chinese." A handsome Chinese shop was placed on the platform and the sight of many articles of rare value were enjoyed by those present. The club lecture yesterday, delivered at the home of Mrs. H. B. Curdin, was much enjoyed. About 100 ladies were present. Mrs. Shephardson was attired in a Holland costume, this adding much to the attractiveness of the occasion. The message of the lecturer not only carried with it an interesting vein of humor, but a fund of valuable instruction and much interest, as from the beginning to the close, Mrs. Shephardson showed perfect familiarity with her subject and was at home as she led us across the sea and through Europe. Tonight she speaks on "The House of the Hindu." Three ladies and a little girl will assist in the service.

SLOWER SPEED

On the Coal and Coke is Ordered on Account of the Condition of Track.

Recent wrecks and derailments on the Coal and Coke railroad have resulted in the issuance of orders by the officials of the company, requiring that its employees exercise better judgment in the operation of trains over certain stretches of track. The elements of winter have tended to weaken the foundation of the track in places, and until these defects are eliminated both passenger...

TO ATTEND CONVENTION.

E. M. Wilson and William H. Leachman, of the Sturm and Wilson drug store, went to Parkersburg Wednesday morning to attend the annual Rexall convention which is in session there now.

PASSENGER TRAIN LATE.

Baltimore and Ohio fast westbound passenger train No. 3, due to leave the local station at 10:01 o'clock did not arrive until 10:50 o'clock Wednesday morning. Bad weather in the East caused the train to run late.